

# State of North Carolina



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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 116

### ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE COLLECTION OF NEW TOLLS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FERRY SYSTEM

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (“DOT”) operates ferries connecting components of the State highway system; and

**WHEREAS**, the ferry system is essential to our State’s citizens who use the ferries each day as a means of transportation to pursue their livelihoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the ferry system is also important to the State’s travel and tourism industry as a mode of transportation for thousands of tourists who explore North Carolina’s coastal areas each year; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of the ferries currently operating are offered at no expense to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Session Law 2011-145, section 31.30, the North Carolina General Assembly directed the Board of Transportation, no later than April 1, 2012, to establish tolls for all ferry routes, except for the Ocracoke/Hatteras Ferry and the Knotts Island Ferry; and

**WHEREAS**, while our State and nation are beginning to rise out of the recent economic recession, many of our citizens are still struggling to regain their economic footing; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens and counties of coastal North Carolina continue to recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene, which made landfall in coastal North Carolina on August 27, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina’s coastal counties continue to experience a slower economic recovery than other areas of the State due to the impact of Hurricane Irene; and

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial that our citizens who use the ferry system are not burdened with extra costs that threaten to negatively impact their economic progress and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also important that our State not impose additional costs that could reduce the attractiveness of our coastal areas as a tourist destination, thus harming our travel and tourism industry; and